



Case Summary

General Case Information

Case Number	Case Type	Sub Case Type	Release to Database
1044595	Interpretation Request	Financial Aid - Bylaw 15	No

Division	Sport(s)
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Legislative Cite(s)

16.4.1 - Medical Coverage.
15.2.1.1 - Permissible Fees.
- Required Fees Provided to Student-Athletes (I)

Status Information

Status	Status Date	Status Level	Status Level Type
Resolved	01/17/2019	Staff	Individual

Conditions

Rationale

Interpretation:
Based on the information provided, the fees are covered for other international students at your institution only on an as-needed basis, as opposed to being covered as part of a general scholarship or grant for an international student (e.g., academic scholarship). Therefore, the fees are a segment of cost of attendance distinct from a student-athlete's full grant in aid, and cannot be covered by an athletics grant in aid. The fees can permissibly be covered as Bylaw 16.4 expenses, through the student assistance fund (SAF), or through your institution's foundation using a need-based analysis similar to the analysis used for other international students.

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Specific Case Information

Describe the interpretive request

The institution began charging all international students an insurance premium, beginning with the Fall 2018 semester. This charge, which was required for all international students, was placed on student accounts. The Athletic Department used the NCAA Special Assistance Fund to cover the charge during the Fall semester, but does not have enough money in the fund to cover the charge for the Spring 2019 semester. Therefore, institution is looking for alternative ways to cover the charge (per Bylaw 16.4.1, it is permissible). If the charge is considered a "permissible fee" per Bylaw 15.2.1.1 and the June 2000 interpretation, then the Athletic Department would be able to cover it through the international student-athletes' athletic scholarships, as long as they receive "Required Student Fees" as an element of their scholarship.

Provide the conference analysis of the interpretive request.

Conference office believes an interpretative request is warranted in this situation.

Provide the institution's analysis of the interpretive request.

Per the attached "University of Louisiana System Notification of Service Charge" document, it clearly shows this is a required fee of all international students and that is placed on the students' account (i.e. mandatory billing). Due to this, along with the referenced Bylaws and Interpretation, the institution believes it would be permissible to cover with an athletic scholarship.